

## REGULAR TO COMMAND NAVAL BATTALION

Successor to Lieutenant Commander Hopkins to Be Named Within a Few Days—Post Offered to an Officer Who Recently Returned From Philippines.

Technical and Practical Knowledge of Nautical Affairs Considered Necessary to Bring Battalion Up to the Proper Standard. Officers Derelict in Rifle Practice.

As yet Gen. George H. Harries, commanding the National Guard, has not appointed a successor to Lieutenant Commander Hopkins, of the Naval Battalion. Lieutenant Hopkins is said to have no technical knowledge of naval affairs. General Harries has several officers under consideration for the appointment, and will choose Hopkins' successor in a few days.

Several of the eligibles are in this city, but one, who has been doing duty in the Philippines, was summoned to take the examination for the position. He left the archipelago some weeks ago, and arrived here Thursday. He secured ten days' leave several hours after his arrival here, and General Harries did not see him.

The officer will spend his leave at Atlantic City, when he will return to Washington. Then General Harries, with whom the selection rests, will make the appointment.

### Hopkins May Retire.

Just what effect this will have upon Lieutenant Commander Hopkins is not known. The man in whose hands the reins will be placed will have undisputed charge of the battalion. He will be empowered to make any changes he may deem necessary for the good of the organization, and General Harries will give him the sanction.

Lieutenant Commander Hopkins may be retained in the battalion, and as second in command, but this is not certain. The new commander might select for his first assistant someone with a better knowledge of naval affairs.

General Harries said yesterday that his reason for deposing Lieutenant Commander Hopkins was that he wanted the affairs of the battalion placed in the competent hands of a man with thorough technical and practical knowledge of how it should be conducted. Lieutenant Commander Hopkins is not to be blamed, General Harries thinks, for not knowing something which was never taught him, while the naval officer who has pondered over naval questions and maneuvers for four or five years is supposed to know something about nautical miles, fathoms, etc.

### Technical Knowledge Needed.

It is stated by the officials of the Navy Department, and the officers of the National Guard brigade, that they have found, after a thorough and practical test, that a technical knowledge of naval affairs on the part of the commanding officer is essential for the development and progress of the battalion.

There was practically nothing of more than passing interest in National Guard circles last week. The officers were pleased that the Dick militia bill had passed both houses of Congress. Several minor details of the measure will be settled in conferences by the military committees.

There had been criticism by the high officials of the Guard relative to the utter disregard of the lower officers for the important duty of rifle practice. Some officers have missed practice several times, and this, it is claimed, sets a bad example for the men in the ranks.

Some of the officers have been taken to task for this flagrant violation of the rules of the organization, and it is expected that the reprimands will suffice and nothing more will be needed to bring them in line. A greater punishment can be meted out to offenders.

The laxity of the officers has numerous bad effects. It lessens the efficiency of the marksmanship of the Guard and handicaps the organization in other ways, principally through its influence upon the men under the command of the offending officers.

### Enlisted Men in the Lead.

The enlisted men do better shooting than the officers at all times. They report regularly whenever target practice is scheduled. On the nights of January 2 and 9 the men in the ranks of the naval battalion reported to shoot, but no officers were on hand. The naval boys did excellent work without any coaching from the absent officers.

Major Bell, as inspector general of rifle practice, is responsible for the marksmanship of the Guard, and he does not propose to let the matter rest. He has reported to General Harries, and some action is expected in a short while. He does not know what the penalty will be this time, but sincerely hopes that laxity will cease.

The regular scheduled regimental and company matches are shot off regularly on the indoor range. The men received good practice for their work on the Ordway Range this spring and summer.

Major Bell has abandoned the idea of securing a 100-yard practice range in this city for the marksmen and sharpshooters of the guard. He was unable to find a suitable place for the purpose, and decided to put the matter until some later day.

The Inspector General states that a telegraph match between the New Jersey Guardsmen and the National Guard of this city will be held soon. The men

will shoot on the ranges in their respective cities, and the scores made by each man telegraphed back and forth.

### Captain Bell the Challenger.

Major Bell's son, Capt. Horace Bell, inspector of rifle practice of the Second Regiment, N. J. N. G., sent the challenge.

The local shooters will use the one-and-a-half-inch bull's-eye, while the Jersey riflemen are to fire at the regulation four-inch target. The District men will stand only ninety feet from the targets, while the Jersey men will stand 100 yards away, because of the size of their targets.

The difference in the distances would be equalized by the size of the ball used by the two teams. The 220-grain conical ball would be used by the New Jersey guardsmen, while a 140-grain round ball would be furnished the local marksmen.

Major Richard Sylvester will send his acceptance of the Revolver Association's challenge to Major Bell in a few days. The second contest will be for the Carmody cup, now held by the police, who won the victory over the Guardsmen. The citizen-soldiers and the police are practicing hard for the match, and hope to do their best at the coming match.

Col. C. W. Wainwright of the Imperial Japanese army, military attaché to the Japanese legation, will be the guest of Major Bell on Tuesday evening, when a regular match will be shot.

## USES SERUMS FOR THE CURE OF BLOOD POISON

Interesting Chapter in Medical Science Added by Dr. Charles S. White, of Washington.

An interesting and important chapter in the history of medical science has been added in the past week by Dr. Charles S. White of this city, and Dr. Charles C. Barrows of New York, by their work in connection with the use of serums for the cure of blood poisoning. Few diseases, if any, are more trying to the physician and surgeon than sepsis. Operations that are entirely successful so far as the local part operated upon is concerned, end sadly for the patient and friends because of blood poisoning.

Singularly enough each physician has employed a different serum. Dr. White strongly recommends the use of anti-streptococci, while Dr. Barrows, by the injection of a solution of formalin has cured a case which ordinarily would have been regarded as hopeless.

In the war upon sepsis Dr. White has provided another weapon or has rather sharpened or polished one. Blood poisoning is caused by bacilli named streptococci, from the Greek, because the bacilli under a microscope resemble a chain linked together.

An operation resulting from Dr. Barrows' discovery was performed Friday night at the Hahnemann Hospital in New York on a patient suffering from blood poisoning.

Upon the recovery of the patient no harmful effect of the formalin on the blood of the system was discovered, and the local operation was performed. The net result of the case is the discovery that a solution of formaldehyde can be introduced into the arterial system without fatal results, a great step forward in preventive medicine.

The patient Dr. White cured was Mrs. S. of this city. The cure was effected several weeks ago, but the results have just been announced by Dr. White.

When Dr. White first called upon the woman he says she "presented a striking picture of septicæmia, with yellow skin, sunken eyes, pulse of 120, and evident exhaustion." Her temperature and been as high as 104.6. A microscopic examination of her blood showed the presence of countless streptococci, or bacilli which cause the poisoning.

The next day Dr. White ordered three doses of the anti-streptococcal serum to be given, one at 4 p. m., the second at 10 p. m., and the third at 7 a. m. the next morning. It was unnecessary to give the third dose. At that time the patient was enjoying her first sound sleep for several days. Next day her pulse was 84 to the minute, temperature 100.6 degrees. The second day her pulse was 80, temperature 98.8 degrees, and subsequently her temperature never exceeded 99. At the end of one month she was well.

The action of the anti-streptococcal serum, Dr. White says, was marked as that of anti-toxin in diphtheria.

When asked about the case last night at his home, 1400 K Street, Dr. White

## CONSUL GENERAL EVANS' SON COURT-MARTIALED

Young Lieutenant Guilty of Neglect of Duty.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 17.—Lieut. H. Clay Evans, Jr., was court-martialed at Fort Monroe yesterday. He is the son of former Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans of Tennessee, now consul at Liverpool.

The finding is secret. Enough is known, however, to say that the young man has been found guilty of neglect of duty, on charges preferred by his captain, and of insubordination on charges preferred by the commandant of the fort.

Young Evans wrote a sharp letter to the commandant after his arrest. Great efforts have been made to prevent the substance of the findings from becoming public, but so much has become known.

### PHARMACIES INCORPORATED.

A certificate of incorporation of the Garges Pharmacies was placed on file yesterday in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District. The capital stock of the corporation is said to be \$25,000 and the incorporators are John T. Hetzel, Martinsburg, W. Va., and Alfred B. Garges, of this city. The corporation has control of the Ebbitt House pharmacy, the Mendora pharmacy in Kalorama Avenue, and the Garges pharmacy at 1616 Fourteenth Street northwest.

modestly said the use of anti-streptococci was not new, and that he was merely an earnest advocate of its use. Among physicians, however, especially in New York, the results attained by Dr. White are highly regarded, and are believed to mark a new departure in the battle against one of the most dreaded and fatal of all diseases with which both the physician and surgeon have to contend.

When Dr. White says the serum showed its specific action as markedly as anti-toxin in diphtheria, he can say little stronger. He adds:

"Dangerous or alarming symptoms following its use never or rarely occur, and while it may fail in some instances, it is not disappointing on the whole, but, on the contrary, remarkable achievements are recorded."

"We have but a few examples of the specific action of a drug in the whole range of medicine, notwithstanding the abundance of literature to the contrary."

### NORTHWEST CITIZENS FORM ASSOCIATION

Residents of Bloomingdale and Le Droit Park Ready for Business.

The Bloomingdale and Le Droit Park Citizens' Association met at T. M. Haislip's office, corner of First and V Streets northwest, at 7:30 o'clock last evening, and adopted a constitution and by-laws. There were about sixty members present, and all were enthusiastic about "rushing" matters in that district.

Mr. Henderson, president of the North Capitol and Eckington Association, was present, as was Secretary Tingley, of the same association.

A committee consisting of John Emmerick, E. S. Hoskins, and D. E. Buckingham, was appointed to decide on a permanent place of meeting.

The following are the permanent officers of the association: President, Clayton E. Ewing; first vice president, Gen. Calvin Farnsworth; second vice president, Dr. A. D. Covey; secretary, D. E. Buckingham; treasurer, Major Charles Ourand.

### NEW WORK ALLOWED.

Items of public work, as follows, were authorized yesterday by the District Commissioners, through the Engineer Department:

"That sewer be constructed in the west side of Tenth Street northeast, from the south building line of the alley (fifteen feet), to a point twenty-four feet northward; estimated cost \$40, chargeable to current appropriation for main and pipe sewers."

"That sewer be constructed in alley of square 107, at an estimated cost of \$170, chargeable to the current appropriation for main and pipe sewers."

## WASHINGTON'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Gathering of Daughters of American Revolution.

In conjunction with chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution throughout the United States, the thirteen chapters, composing the District branch of that order, last night celebrated the anniversary of the wedding of Gen. George Washington and the widow Custis.

The celebration was held in the home of the Washington Club, 1719 I Street northwest. It lasted from 4 until 10 o'clock. Upwards of 400 Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and their friends participated. Music was furnished by a string orchestra, and the feature of the evening was the dancing of the old Virginia reel by matrons and ladies. Mrs. Fairbanks, president general of the D. A. R., was the guest of the evening. Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, the district regent, and Mrs. Hirsch Main, vice regent of the District, received.

Prominent among those present were Susan Hetzel, historian general; Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry, one of the vice-presidents general; Mrs. Elenor Washington Howard, recording secretary general; Mrs. Ruth M. G. Peeler, registrar general, and Julia T. E. McBlair, librarian general of the national organization.

Other guests were Mrs. Burrows, wife of Senator Burrows; Justice Barnard, of the Supreme Court, and Mrs. Barnard; Mrs. Shepard, wife of Justice Seth Shepard; Miss Jarvis, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Hall, John T. Doyle, secretary of the Civil Service Commission; Fritz von Bresson, and Mr. and Mrs. Doremeyer.

Refreshments were served in the basement of the club. Mrs. C. D. Mirein, chairman of the committee on refreshments, was in charge, assisted by Mrs. T. H. Johnston and Miss McClay. Mrs. Guss was subcommittee, and was assisted by a coterie of young ladies selected from the thirteen chapters of the District by the regent. The fruit punch was in charge of Miss Mary Desha, assisted by Miss Marie Barnes, Mrs. Helen Kane, and Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. Charlotte Main was chairman of the committee in charge of the tea table. Miss Miller presided. Only American tea, grown in South Carolina, was served. The floral decorations were in charge of Mrs. L. M. O. Marsh. The committee in charge of the door and supper arrangements was composed of

Mrs. J. W. Holcombe, chairman; Miss Griggs, Mrs. Howard Hodgkins, Mrs. L. T. Mann, Mrs. Gales Holcombe, and Mrs. R. G. Peeler. Mrs. Ellen S. Cromwell was in charge of the music.

The tea was utilized to secure contributions toward the Continental Hall fund. About \$100 was given.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bryant Johnston, well known as a writer of colonial history, is the originator of the idea of celebrating Washington's wedding anniversary with a tea. According to the old style of recording time, the anniversary would fall on January 6. New style, however, places the date on January 17. It is said the "Immortal George" celebrated both days.

### SHORT STORY CLUB.

At the last meeting of the Short Story Club at the Riggs, with the president, Capt. Arthur Portman, in the chair, an interesting program was carried out. Prof. Ryland C. Kirk, gave the story of the evening, "The Beachcomber;" Lydia J. Ray gave, "Pohaka-o-Kouai," a legend of the Hawaiian Islands; Mrs. Clara O. Bland, a poem, "Whose Lips the Muses Kiss;" Mrs. Jerome Hubbard, a recitation, "The Pointsman's Story;" and as a recall, "Guilty or Not Guilty;" Capt. F. V. De Coster, related in a happy vein his experiences of New Year Day, 1903; Mrs. W. W. Case gave three poems, "The Long Sparrow" and "Nature's Epitaph," suggested by a tombstone at Marshall Hall, where the inscription had become obliterated, but had been traced by gray and green lichens, and "Winter Robins;" Mrs. Mary M. Haywood told in negro dialect about "The Darky on Ghosts," and "How Paul Points the Thistles to the Phesians."

The musical program was much enjoyed. Among those present were Capt. and Mrs. W. W. Case, Mrs. Mary M. Haywood, Mrs. Anna L. Alger, Gertrude E. Metcalf, Lydia J. Ray, Capt. F. V. De Coster, Miss Nolan, Mrs. H. A. Engle, Bonda Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. V. Shina, Mrs. G. P. Pierce, Miss H. V. Boswell, Miss E. F. Byrnes, Mrs. Clarence Stewart, Mrs. Mary O. Agnes, Mrs. L. U. Verplanck, Miss Hosmer, Prof. Ryland C. Kirk, Capt. Arthur Portman, Dr. Adeline E. Portman, Mrs. E. Maynick Stillman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Metcalf, Mrs. B. Coblentz, Mrs. C. R. Strobeck, Mary L. Strobeck, Mrs. Laura Sellick, Gertrude Withington, Mrs. Clara O. Bland, Miss E. J. Easby, J. C. Coffey Arnold, Josephine Rich, Mrs. Lizzie Willis Gavin, James Ross, Mrs. A. L. Nolan, Miss M. Clements, Dr. A. J. Huntoon, Mrs. R. J. Brun, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Thomas, Mrs. E. M. Willis, Louise W. Eppes, Mrs. A. G. Powell, Mrs. De Coster, Mrs. E. C. Mull, Bertha F. Wolfe, Dr. O. L. Baucher, Mrs. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tibbets, C. E. Wager, Col. E. W. Foster, Mrs. Frank Sellick, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sammons, Mrs. Abbie C. Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hubbard, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, Miss U. C. Bennett, Mrs. M. L. Tanner, Eliza Coblentz.

## ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 17.—Samuel Noble, a colored laborer, who lives at 501 First Street, this city, was struck by a southbound tender and engine while walking along the tracks of the Washington-Southern Railway, near Four-Mile Run shortly before 7 o'clock this morning, and instantly killed. His body was badly mangled. The remains were brought to the undertaking establishment of B. Wheatley, this city, and prepared for burial. Noble leaves a wife and three children.

The estate of the late William E. Clark, of Washington, D. C., consisting of the property running from Wolfe Street to the Potomac River, has been sold for Clarence F. Norment, Nathaniel Wilson, and Levi Woodbury, of Washington, by M. B. Harlow & Co., to Henry C. Chipman, of Baltimore. This property is better known as the Hasking Wood Vulcanizing Works. For some time past, Mr. Chipman has been operating his harytes works at the plant. It is reported that he may, in the near future, remove his paint works from Baltimore to Alexandria.

Mayor Simpson this morning ordered the police to hereafter arrest any officers from other cities who come here to arrest persons on the street without communicating with the police department. This action was brought about by two Washington policemen in civilian clothes coming here yesterday to capture some person wanted in that city for larceny. When they were approached by local policemen they refused to explain the object of their visit.

A one-armed woman, about thirty years of age, supposed to be Lena Roberts, was picked up on the streets this morning by Policemen Lyles and Mayhugh and held as a suspicious character. The police believe that she is an all-around confidence woman, and she may have to face at least the charge of grand larceny.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Cora M. Hough and Mr. D'Andelle, both of Washington, D. C., which took place in this city on January 4 last. The ceremony took place at the parsonage of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and was performed by the Rev. Father H. J. Cutler.

Lawrence Sanford, a special officer at the saw mill of Rishel & Son, saw a man with a bundle under his arm acting suspiciously, near the corner of Fairfax and Wilkes Streets, at an early hour this morning. The man turned from Fairfax into Wilkes Street, kept within the shadow of the houses, and turned into an al-

ley running southward and started to run. Mr. Sanford thereupon drew his pistol and fired at the fugitive. The man dropped eight loaves of bread in front of the house of James Wilkins and made good his escape.

Robert Robey and Howard Davis, both well-known rivermen, were arrested tonight by Policeman Nicholson, on the charge of stealing coal from a freight car on a side track of the Southern Railway Company, on Union Street. Policeman Nicholson says the men attempted to escape, and he fired once in the air to frighten them. Both men say that they were on the car, but had no idea of stealing. They bear excellent reputations.

Dr. Louis Storrow Green and bride, who have been spending their honeymoon in the North, have returned to this city.

Mills Hammerst, a student at the Episcopal High School, west of this city, who hails from Arkansas, was taken today to the Alexandria Hospital, suffering with throat trouble, supposed to have been superinduced by swallowing a portion of a wooden toothpick.

Dr. William Gibson, one of the best known physicians of the city, lies critically ill at his home, northwest corner of Duke and St. Asaph Streets. He is suffering with a complication of organic troubles.

Today in the corporation court naturalization papers were granted to Mrs. Selma Beyer, a native of Sweden.

Mrs. Francis H. Tyler is critically ill at the home of her son-in-law, Horace Ashton, 296 North Royal Street.

The banks and public schools of this city will be closed Monday, General Lee's birthday.

### AUTHOR PAGE RECOVERS.

Thomas Nelson Page, the author, who has been confined to his residence for the past few days with a severe cold, has practically recovered from his illness. Mr. Page was taken ill at the beginning of the week, and since then has been under the care of a physician.

### CHARGED WITH BURGLARY.

Joseph Mason, negro, was yesterday held in \$1,000 bail in the Police Court to await the action of the grand jury, on the charge of entering the house of Lyman L. Pierce, 1145 New Hampshire Avenue, the night of January 8, and stealing therefrom a watch valued at \$50.

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Two mines—the SAXTON and the AULTMAN—are farthest along in this development work. The shaft of the Saxton is down over 300 feet. A body of gold ore 700 feet long, 300 feet deep, and 21 feet wide has been exposed.

AUTHENTIC REPORTS show that a body of gold ore estimated at \$2,676,000 has already BEEN BLOCKED OUT by the drifts and cross cuts to the 300-foot level.

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